

What is the best way to visit Yosemite?

There is no “best way” to visit the park. Your experience in Yosemite depends on the time you have available and your interests. Many fine maps and books are sold in visitor centers and park stores to help plan your visit. Publications such as *Yosemite’s Official Park Handbook*, published by the National Park Service, or *The Yosemite Visitor’s Kit* are available at visitor centers, gift shops, or by mail from the Yosemite Association Bookstore, P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318, 209/379-2648, fax 209/379-2486, yosemite.org.

Remember that road and trail conditions and available services may change with the weather. **For current conditions and general information, call 209/372-0200.**

ENTRANCE FEES

THE PARK IS OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, YEAR-ROUND.
(fees subject to change)

TYPE	PRICE	NOTES
Vehicle	\$20	Valid for 7 days.
Individual	\$10	In a bus, on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or horse. Valid for 7 days.
Yosemite Pass	\$40	Valid for 1 year in Yosemite.
National Parks Pass NEW (see page 6)	\$50	Valid for 1 year in all national park areas.
Golden Eagle Pass	\$65	Valid for 1 year in all federal fee areas.
Golden Age Pass (Lifetime)	\$10	For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.
Golden Access Pass (Lifetime)	Free	For blind or permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

UserFee

improves this park

have been temporarily raised to help fund projects that improve the park and your visit. Projects currently underway include:

- Repairing the deteriorated sewer line that services all of Yosemite Valley
- Refurbishing the multi-purpose auditorium in Yosemite Valley

The park is awaiting approval on many other maintenance, visitor services, and natural and cultural restoration projects including:

- Replacing picnic tables, fire rings, and signs in campgrounds parkwide
- Refurbishing roads, trails, and utilities throughout the park
- Improving the shuttle bus service in Yosemite Valley

Yosemite anticipates earning \$51 million by 2001 and completing approved projects by 2004.

TRANSPORTATION

To and From Yosemite
VIA The Yosemite Connection / Gray Line
209/384-1315 or in CA 800/369-PARK
www.via-adventures.com

FRESNO —
Service between Fresno/Yosemite International Airport and Fresno hotels to Yosemite Valley, seasonally. Wheelchair-lift equipped with advance notice. Schedule, prices, and reservations available by calling VIA or by visiting their web site.

MERCED —
Service from Merced Amtrak Station and Transpo Center to Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Lodge. Deluxe coaches provide several round-trips daily between Merced and Yosemite. Wheelchair-lift equipped with advance notice. Schedules available at Yosemite Lodge tour desk, Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, or by calling VIA or visiting their web site. Tickets can be purchased from drivers.

The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) gives park visitors a break from driving by providing transit service into Yosemite. This new voluntary operation provides scheduled round-trip transit service to Yosemite from outlying communities, including Merced, Mariposa, and Mammoth Lakes. Buses run at hours convenient to park visitors and offer seamless service with the existing shuttle bus system within the park. Summer service operates through September 17 and will resume in the summer of 2001. For schedule and service information, visit the YARTS web site at www.yosemite.com/yarts or call toll free 877/98-YARTS (877/989-2787).

Within Yosemite

Free shuttle bus service is provided throughout the eastern portion of Yosemite Valley year-round. In summer, free shuttle buses run from **Wawona** to the **Mariposa Grove**, and from **Tioga Pass** to **Tenaya Lake**. Hikers’ buses run daily to **Glacier Point** late spring through autumn and between **Tuolumne Meadows** and **Yosemite Valley** late June through Labor Day. Call 209/372-1240 for hikers’ bus fee, schedule, and reservations, or stop by any tour desk.

LODGING

Reservations for all overnight lodging in Yosemite can be made by calling 559/252-4848 or by writing to Central Reservations, Yosemite Concession Services, 5410 East Home, Fresno, CA 93727. Lodging in Yosemite Valley includes **Curry Village**, **Housekeeping Camp**, **Yosemite Lodge**, and **The Ahwahnee**. Lodging outside Yosemite Valley includes the **Wawona Hotel**, and in summer, **White Wolf Lodge** and **Tuolumne Meadows Lodge**. Rates range from \$45 per night for a basic tent cabin with nearby bathroom, to \$265.50 per night for a room at The Ahwahnee (rates are subject to change). Reservations are highly recommended and may be made up to 1 year and 1 day in advance.

1 YOSEMITE VALLEY

Yosemite Valley is world famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. It is generally open year-round and may be reached via Highway 41 from Fresno, Highway 140 from Merced (see “Important Road Information” on page 11), Highway 120 from Manteca, and in late spring through late fall via the Tioga Road (Highway 120) from Lee Vining. Many activities and services are available in Yosemite Valley. Detailed information on Yosemite Valley is available at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center in Yosemite Village. See map on the back panel, and for scheduled Valley activities, see pages 12-14.

2 MARIPOSA GROVE AND WAWONA

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), 2 miles from the park’s South Entrance Station. The road to the Mariposa Grove is not plowed in winter and is subject to closure for extended periods. Activities include hiking, ranger-led walks, and tram tours of the Grove (weather permitting) late spring through fall. (Road work scheduled for the Mariposa Grove may reduce or eliminate tram operations.) Trail brochures, printed in English, French, Japanese, and Spanish are available at the Grove trailhead. **To reduce traffic congestion and avoid parking delays, ride the free shuttle bus (spring through fall) from Wawona to the Grove.**

The Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. Interpretive signs and a brochure provide a self-guiding tour of the Center year-round. See page 14 and 15 for activities and additional information about Wawona and the Mariposa Grove.

3 GLACIER POINT

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the High Sierra, is located 30 miles (1 hour) from Yosemite Valley. The view from Glacier Point provides an opportunity to see Yosemite Valley from its rim. From Yosemite Valley, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41) 14 miles to the Chinquapin junction, then turn left onto the Glacier Point Road. The road ends at Glacier Point. The Glacier Point Road is generally open from late spring through late fall. In winter, the road is plowed only as far as the Badger Pass Ski Area; Glacier Point can be reached via skis or snowshoes only. See page 16 for activities.

LODGING AND ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE PARK

YATI (Yosemite Area Traveller Information)
369 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340
www.yosemite.com

West Highway 120
Highway 120 Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1263
Hotel Charlotte, Suite B
Groveland, CA 95321
800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
P.O. Box 4020
55 West Stockton Street
Sonora, CA 95370
800/446-1333 or 209/533-4420
www.thegreatunfenced.com

Highway 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitor Bureau
40637 Highway 41
Oakhurst, CA 93644
559/683-4636
www.sierranet.net/~ysvb

Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
P.O. Box 333
5007 Main Street
Coulterville, CA 95311
209/878-3074

Highway 140/49
Mariposa Visitor Center
(also info. for Fish Camp, Wawona, Yosemite West)
P.O. Box 425
5158 Highway 140
Mariposa, CA 95338
800/208-2434 or 209/966-2456
mariposa.yosemite.net/visitor

East Highway 120
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center
P.O. Box 130
Highway 395 and 3rd Street
Lee Vining, CA 93541
760/647-6629
www.leevining.com